



**San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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MINUTES

May 10, 2012

Meeting held at:
Agriculture, Weights and Measures
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123-1217

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Jack Bransford	x			1	Cox
Mark Kukuchek	x			1	Cox
Florence Sloane	x			2	Jacob
Bruce Campbell		Excused		2	Jacob
Teresa Barth	x			3	Slater-Price
Suzanne Hall	x			3	Slater-Price
Jim Dodd	x			4	Roberts
D'erdra Smothers	x			4	Roberts
Jim Conrad			x	5	Horn
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Horn

- A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Turigliatto called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
- B. Introductions
Commissioners introduced themselves, also present were:
Colleen Carr, San Diego County AWM
Bob Smith, San Diego County Wildlife Federation
Joe Nunez, Quail Unlimited
- C. Approval of meeting minutes from February 9, 2012
Changes: none
Motion made to: accept minutes as submitted
Motion made by: Commissioner Kukuchek

Seconded by: Commissioner Bransford

Motion: passed by majority with Commissioner Smothers abstaining.

D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda

Bob Smith reported that the San Diego County Wildlife Federation's rattlesnake avoidance training has been shut down due to a county ordinance prohibiting holding of venomous reptiles. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) classify this as a public safety issue. Supervisor Bill Horn may get this placed on BOS's agenda for June 19, 2012, to argue that avoidance training is important for people, dogs and snakes.

Bob Smith also reported that Terry Stuart of DFG has contacted SDCWF for their opinion on the feral pig issue and a meeting will be held on May 24th at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Bransford will attend.

E. Chairman's Report (Turigliatto)

No report was given.

F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Inland Freshwater Fisheries Issues (Campbell)

No report was given.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. County Legislative Agenda (Sloane)

Commissioner Sloane asked Colleen Carr with the Department of Agriculture for an update on the status of a letter re: proposed amendments for Title 14 (regarding a clarification of land use provisions and fees for permits). The letter has gone to the Board of Supervisors. Title 14 is still pending. We can ask our Board member if they have any comment.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. USDA/USFS and Feral Pig Populations in San Diego County
(Dodd/Bransford/Turigliatto)

Commissioner Bransford noted the FWAC is still on track to be notified and given an option for input when feral pig activities are to occur. Some citizens may be trained to assist with tracking of pigs, though probably not County employees.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

4. Public Outreach

Commissioner Turigliatto reported that over 400 people were at the turkey tune-up event, a great response from the public. FWAC was represented and the grant program was promoted, using the youth pheasant hunt and white sea bass programs as examples of events funded by the SDFWAC.

Commissioner Bransford commented on the Safari Club International, San Diego Chapter, annual fundraising banquet and that the Commissioners promoted the FWAC to the group. The San Diego Youth pheasant hunt was offered as an example of funded projects via a table with photos and literature.

Commissioner Conrad offered that the FWAC should consider outreach at the Trailblazer event for boy scouts. Commissioner Turigliatto will be there but not as a representative for FWAC. Commissioner Bransford will also be there and will represent FWAC and will have signage and materials to share. The event is June 9th at Mataguay Boy Scout Camp.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

New Business:

1. Review of Commission By Laws (Turigliatto)

Commissioner Conrad offered a clarification on proper procedures for meetings: no online/email votes are permissible (Bagley-Keene Act), and phone in participation in FWAC meetings needs to be noticed with 10 days (Brown Act)

Commissioner Dodd noted on FWAC quorum that the “majority of members currently appointed” defines a quorum.

Also, a change of the draft bylaws is needed. On page 3, organization item 4 should read: “The Commission shall keep...to keep the minutes and file them with the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.” Additionally, we shall strike the sentence fragment “Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and” from this same section, as we do not file our minutes with the Supervisors directly.

There was a vote on the bylaws, and the changes were approved 9-0.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes

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No ☐

G. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Kukuchek reported that some Jamul area residents are concerned about the Honey Springs dog ponds the FWAC funded. Potential issues of concern relate to water use, and how the filling of the ponds will impact the wells of residents.

Commissioner Hall reported that he attended the City of San Diego's Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan workshop in March. The process of developing an HCP will continue and there will be future opportunities for feedback.

Commissioner Conrad reported that there is some confusion regarding the status of the invitation to attend Al Taucher committee meetings.

Commissioner Barth reported that sand replenishment projects for County beaches will commence in August.

H. Adjournment Time: 18:19.

New Agenda Items for Next Meeting, June 14, 2012:

1. Rattlesnake Avoidance Training: Comment at Supervisor meeting? (Turigliatto)

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